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SUBJECT: DANISH INQUIRY ON US ACTIVITY IN UK-ICELANDIC  
DISPUTE

1. DANISH MINISTER DYVIG CALLED ON VINE TODAY TO COMPARE  
NOTES ON UK-ICELANDIC DISPUTE.

2. DYVIG PARTICULARLY CALLED ATTENTION TO NATO MILITARY  
COMMITTEE REPORT STRESSING INCREASED IMPORTANCE OF  
ICELANDIC BASE IN VIEW OF SOVIET NAVAL EXPANSION OVER THE  
PAST SEVERAL YEARS. DYVIG ALSO NOTED THE RESULTS OF THE  
MEETING OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL AND THE  
CLEAR RECOMMENDATION THAT BRITAIN WITHDRAW ITS FRIGATES.  
DYVIG NOTED APOLOGETICALLY HOWEVER THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT  
DID NOT SEEM PREPARED TO ASSERT SO STRONG A VIEW DIRECTLY  
TO LONDON GIVEN THE IMPERATIVES OF UPCOMING EC DETERMINA-  
TION ON A COMMON FISHERIES POLICY.

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3. DYVIG INQUIRED ABOUT OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE DISPUTE  
AND MOST PARTICULARLY INQUIRED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES

HAD BROUGHT ANY PRESSURE ON THE UK TO WITHDRAW ITS FRIGATES.

4. VINE POINTED OUT THAT THE LACK OF INCIDENTS IN THE AREA OVER THE PAST WEEK AND THE SEEMING POSITIVE ACTIVITY OF FRYDENLUND GAVE US LIMITED GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM THAT A MORE CONGENIAL NEGOTIATING ENVIRONMENT WAS DEVELOPING. VINE ALSO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ICELANDIC TENDENCY WAS TO HOLD THE KEFLAVIK BASE AND THE AMERICAN PRESENCE THERE HOSTAGE TO THE ICELANDIC NEGOTIATING POSITION. WERE WE TO INTERVENE MORE DIRECTLY WE WOULD RUN THE RISK OF FURTHER ICELANDIC PRESSURE AND WE FELT IT MORE PRUDENT TO AVOID THIS. VINE SAID THAT WHILE WE HAD REMINDED THE BRITISH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE FRIGATES IN ICELANDIC WATERS PRECLUDED ANY POSITIVE MOVES BY THE ICELANDERS, WE HAVE SAID NOTHING TO THE BRITISH ABOUT THIS RECENTLY.

5. DYVIG NOTED THAT THE THREE BENELUX COUNTRIES HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED TO MAKE A JOINT DEMARCHE TO THE UK ASKING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE FRIGATES.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION, DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICER APPROACHED A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TODAY INQUIRING WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PUTTING ANY HEAT ON THE UK.

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